



Lake Mead

National Recreation Area

Official Park Guide, Summer 2010



Summer Events & Programs

Call the Lake Mead Visitor Center at (702) 293-8990 for Ranger Programs at Lake Mead and (928) 754-3272 for programs at Lake Mohave. Or check out our website at www.nps.gov/lake.

Restoring the Land

While having fun at Lake Mead NRA, you may see restoration crew members at work. They could be removing off-road tracks in the backcountry or graffiti from boulders or cliffs along the shoreline. The restoration crew at Lake Mead NRA strives to keep the park naturally beautiful. The crew typically uses hand-tools such as rakes and shovels to restore the fragile desert, but they sometimes have to use heavy equipment to restore larger, compacted disturbances. Preventing and restoring disturbances not only makes the park more pleasing to visitors, but also improves habitat for plants and animals who reside in the park.

To help visitors stay on approved roads, all back-country roads have yellow arrow signs to mark the approved route. It is illegal to travel off of approved roads in the park. If you observe someone driving off-road or defacing anything in the park, please call Lake Mead NRA dispatch at (702) 293-8998. Thank you for helping to keep your park beautiful.



Summer Success

Be a Summer Success at Lake Mead NRA

It was a beautiful July day. Jorge, Shirley and eleven-year old daughter Christina had the wind in their hair, enjoying Lake Mohave by boat. After seeing desert bighorn sheep and relaxing in a quiet cove, they were heading back to the launch ramp at Cottonwood Cove. Suddenly their boat hit a large wake created by another vessel. The boat lurched, tossing Christina into the water. Shirley yelled, and Jorge slowed down and turned the boat quickly. Their eyes searched the waves, looking frantically for their daughter. Where was Christina? Then they saw her! Her head held above the waves by her life jacket. "Without that jacket," Jorge later said, "she could have drowned right before our eyes."

Because of fluctuating water levels, treat your visit to Lake Mead NRA like it is your first visit. Be cautious because you will be in unfamiliar water as hazards become exposed. To make your visit to Lake Mead and Lake Mohave a summer success, follow these tips:

Wear it for life! Life jackets help you survive the unexpected. Most drowning victims had not intended to get in the water.

Boat Safe. Follow the navigation rules and maintain a proper lookout. Use a safe speed for the conditions.

Boat Smart. Watch the weather because lake conditions can change rapidly. Make sure your boat has all needed safety equipment.

Boat Sober. Do not drink alcohol and operate the vessel. Heat and alcohol don't mix.

Stay off of moving boat trailers. You may fall off or even be crushed by a moving trailer.

Clean, drain, and dry your vessel, inside and out, to remove tiny invasive mussels.

Children along shorelines should always wear life jackets. A moment's distraction can lead to a lifetime of sadness.

Leave pool toys at home. Offshore winds blow inflatable toys into deeper water.

Wear protective footwear on the beaches and in the water.

Do you have a Summer Success story from a visit to Lake Mead NRA? What good things happened when you followed one of these safety tips? Tell us what happened when you did things right! Send us an email at lake_interpretation@nps.gov

Las Vegas Boat Harbor

Congratulations!

Marina Dock Age Magazine awarded Las Vegas Boat Harbor (LVBH) the 2009 Marina of the Year for facilities with more than 250 slips.

When Bob Sr. and Betty Jean Gripentog purchased Las Vegas Boat Harbor in 1957, the marina had only a small dock, about 40 moorings and five cottage-style trailers. Now, it has nearly 1,500 wet slips, more than 350 dry storage spaces, two general stores, two restaurants and a fleet of rental boats.

One thing that has always remained the same at LVBH is the Gripentogs. "It's a family business and a family lifestyle. We enjoy working and playing with our business," said Gail Kaiser, who was four when her parents bought the marina. LVBH has grown the facility considerably through the years. As a family-run facility, it's no surprise that

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Information and Services

Styrofoam and glass restriction

When packing for your trip to the lake, make sure to leave Styrofoam and glass behind. These items are not allowed in the park.

Styrofoam coolers are a cheap way to store your beverages, but they are not friendly to the environment. Styrofoam doesn't decompose easily so it stays in the landfill or floats around Lake Mead and Lake Mohave for a long time. Reusable coolers save you money in the long run and help protect the earth! Cardboard coolers are also available at some grocery stores.

Glass bottles break easily on the rocky beaches and can cut the feet of visitors. Purchase non-Styrofoam and non-glass containers at the store to reduce the risk.

Emergencies

Park Service 24-hour Emergency Response: Call 911 or (800) 680-5851 or (702) 293-8932. Cell phones have intermittent reception at Lake Mead NRA.

Emergency call boxes are located at the parking areas at Government Wash, Mile Marker 25, Rogers Spring and South Cove on Lake Mead and Princess Cove on Lake Mohave.

Fires

Fires are permitted using fire pits in developed areas. Campfires are permitted throughout the backcountry except when fire danger is high (watch for notices). Firewood may be purchased at marinas and most local grocery stores.

Pets

Pets are allowed on all trails and beaches within the park unless there is a sign that says no pets. They must be under physical control on a leash not longer than six feet at all times. Pets are not allowed to be left in cars at Lake Mead NRA and Hoover Dam. Please consider your pet's needs for water and shade in higher temperatures.

Firearms

A new federal law that allows people who can legally possess firearms under applicable federal, state and local laws in this park is now in effect. It is the responsibility of visitors to understand and comply with all applicable state, local and federal firearms law before entering this park.



Lake Mead National Recreation Area's (NRA) Adopt-A-Cove Program gives people in our local communities the opportunity to become a park steward, while enjoying a day at the lake. This program has helped improve the appearance of our shorelines. Without volunteers this program would not be possible. Maintaining the shorelines benefits everyone. Park visitors may enjoy a more aesthetically appealing and clean environment which improves health and safety for everyone.

Anyone can Adopt-A-Cove! Over 30 coves are currently adopted by a variety of businesses, families, individuals, churches and community groups. Adopting a cove is an easy, team-building project that takes a few hours. The adoption agreement lasts for one year, which then can be renewed yearly if the volunteers would like to continue their service. Volunteers are asked to clean their area three times per year and report back to the park about how much litter was collected and any other issues that may have been discovered.

Adopt-A-Cove Flags are given to each volunteer group in recognition of their time and support of the program. Lake Mead NRA is very fortunate to have professional and caring volunteers.

If you are interested in adopting your own cove or other volunteer opportunities, simply call Lake Mead NRA's Volunteer Program office at (702) 293-8711 or visit www.nps.gov/lake/supportyourpark.

Making the most of your time



What can you do in less than three hours?

Experience the Lake Mead Visitor Center. A variety of displays show the animals, plants and geology of the surrounding landscape. Books, toys, maps and other items are for sale. Visitors can also take a relaxing stroll through the visitor center's cactus garden. Be alert for nesting cactus wrens and hummingbirds!

Take a scenic drive. Lake Mead NRA encompasses nearly 1.5 million acres. Lakeshore Drive and Northshore Road both offer visitors an opportunity to see the wonders of the Mojave Desert from the comfort of your car.

While down in the Katherine Landing area, visit Grapevine Canyon and see the ancient petroglyphs. Be cautious of high temperatures. The ranger station also has a book store and informative hand outs.

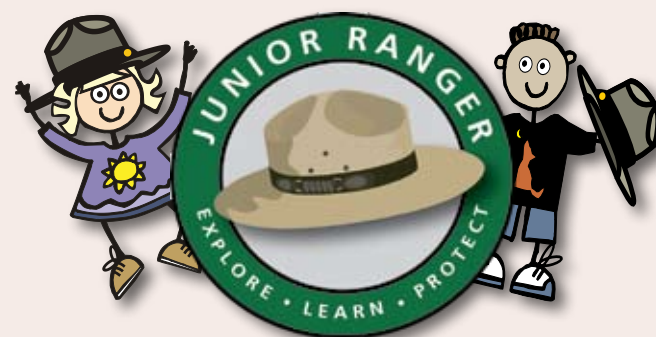
Dip your toes in the refreshing water.

Beach areas are located at Boulder Beach on Lake Mead, Cottonwood Cove and Katherine Landing on Lake Mohave. Please be aware that there are no lifeguards at these beaches. Always wear a lifejacket.

Have a picnic. Shaded picnic areas are located throughout the park. Check the park map for locations. Grocery stores and cafes are also located throughout the park on both Lake Mead and Lake Mohave.

Be on the lookout for wildlife. It only takes a little luck, patience and a watchful eye to see animals such as antelope ground squirrels, lizards, a large variety of birds and the majestic desert bighorn sheep.

You can become a Junior Ranger



Free Junior Ranger activity booklets are available at the Lake Mead Visitor Center at Lake Mead and the Katherine Landing Contact Station at Lake Mohave. Inside the booklet are a number of fun activities designed to help children learn about the importance of Lake Mead NRA. Complete the activities and return the booklet to either visitor center to get a Lake Mead Junior Ranger badge and certificate. You may also visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/lake for an electronic form of the booklet.

What can you do in more than three hours?

Rent a houseboat or even take a cruise. A large variety of boats are available to rent at all marinas on both lakes. Daily cruises are offered on a Mississippi-style paddlewheel boat in the Boulder Basin. Why not experience the lakes up close?

Fishing is great on lakes Mead and Mohave both from a boat and the shoreline. Be sure to have the proper licensing. There is no fishing in harbors or marinas.

There are hundreds of miles of lakeshore perfect for camping. After the sun goes down, enjoy the cooler temperatures and clear night skies. Both lakes are great places for star gazing. Be sure to let someone know your plans. Please take out everything you bring in.

Regardless of which opportunity you choose, remember that visiting the Mojave Desert during the summer presents many challenges. Take plenty of water for you and your vehicle, apply sunscreen, wear a hat, and seek shade during the warmer part of the day.

Concession Services

Lake Mead Cruises

Public Boat Tours and Private Charters
(702) 293-6180
www.lakemeadcruises.com

Black Canyon/Willow Beach Adventures

(702) 294-1414 / (800) 455-3490
In Arizona (928) 767-4747
www.foreverresorts.com
Convenience and grocery store, snack bar, courtesy docks, boat rentals, auto/boat fuel, boat repair and boat decontamination services.

Echo Bay Marina

Until 5 p.m. (702) 394-4066
After 5 p.m. (702) 304-4000
Reservations: (800) 255-5561
www.foreverresorts.com
Restaurant, snack bar, lounge, convenience and grocery store, motel, marina, boat rentals, boat repair, dry boat storage, boat decontamination services, visitor trailer village, RV sites, showers, laundry, auto/boat fuel, and dump station.

Lake Mead RV Village

(702) 293-2540
www.foreverresorts.com
Convenience and grocery store, RV sites, visitor trailer village, dry boat storage, showers and laundry.

Cottonwood Cove Marina

(702) 297-1464
Reservations: (800) 255-5561
www.foreverresorts.com
Cafe, meeting room, convenience and grocery store, marina, boat rentals, boat repair, dry boat storage, boat towing, boat decontamination services, motel, RV sites, visitor trailer village, showers, laundry, auto/boat/propane fuel and dump station.

Lake Mohave Resort (Katherine Landing)

(928) 754-3245
Reservations: (800) 752-9669
www.sevencrown.com
Restaurant and lounge, showers, convenience and grocery store, marina, boat rentals, boat repair, dry boat storage, boat decontamination services, motel, RV sites, visitor trailer village, laundry, auto/boat fuel and dump station.

Las Vegas Boat Harbor

(702) 293-1191 Main Number
(702) 293-3484 Lake Mead Marina Complex
www.boatinglakemead.com
Restaurants, lounges, convenience and grocery stores, marina, boat rentals, boat repair, boat decontamination services, dry boat storage, auto/boat fuel, and dump station.

Temple Bar Marina

(928) 767-3211
(800) 255-5561
www.foreverresorts.com
Restaurant and lounge, visitor trailer village, RV sites, convenience and grocery store, marina, boat rentals, boat repair, dry boat storage, boat decontamination services, motel, cabins, showers, laundry, auto/boat fuel, propane and dump station.

Callville Bay Marina

Manager: (702) 565-8958
Reservations: (800) 255-5561
www.foreverresorts.com
Cafe, snack bar, lounge, banquet services, convenience and grocery store, marina, boat rentals, boat repair, dry boat storage, boat decontamination services, RV sites, visitor trailer village, showers, laundry, auto/boat fuel and dump station.

For more information regarding additional visitor services offered by businesses operating in the park, visit the Lake Mead NRA website: <http://www.nps.gov/lake/parkmgmt/businesswithpark.htm>

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LVBH has created a family boating atmosphere that many customers return for each year. Erin Charlesworth, Kaiser’s daughter, said new customers are often surprised to see family behind the restaurant counters, waiting tables, pumping fuel, taking out the trash or spending time with the local customers. “Our customers are not just customers, they are also our friends,” said Charlesworth.

Article excerpts courtesy of *Marina Dock Age*. For full story lease follow link. <http://www.marinadockage.com/index.php/marina-of-the-year/2008-large-marina-of-the-year/>



Lake use and entrance fees

Vehicle	* yearly pass	\$20 covers all passengers
Additional Vehicle	* yearly pass	\$10 each additional vehicle (covers all passengers)
Vehicle	1-5 days	\$5 per vehicle (covers all passengers)
Individual	* yearly pass	\$20 per annual pass (motorcycles, bikes, etc.)
Individual	1-5 days	\$3 per person (motorcycle, bicycle, hikers)
Senior Federal Lands Pass	lifetime	\$10 U.S. residents age 62 or older
Access Federal Lands Pass	lifetime	Free-medically determined to be permanently disabled
Federal Interagency Pass		\$80 valid for one year from month purchased
Vessel	* yearly pass	\$20 first vessel
Additional Vessel	* yearly pass	\$10 each additional vessel
Vessel	1-5 days	\$10 first vessel
Additional Vessel	1-5 days	\$5 each additional vessel

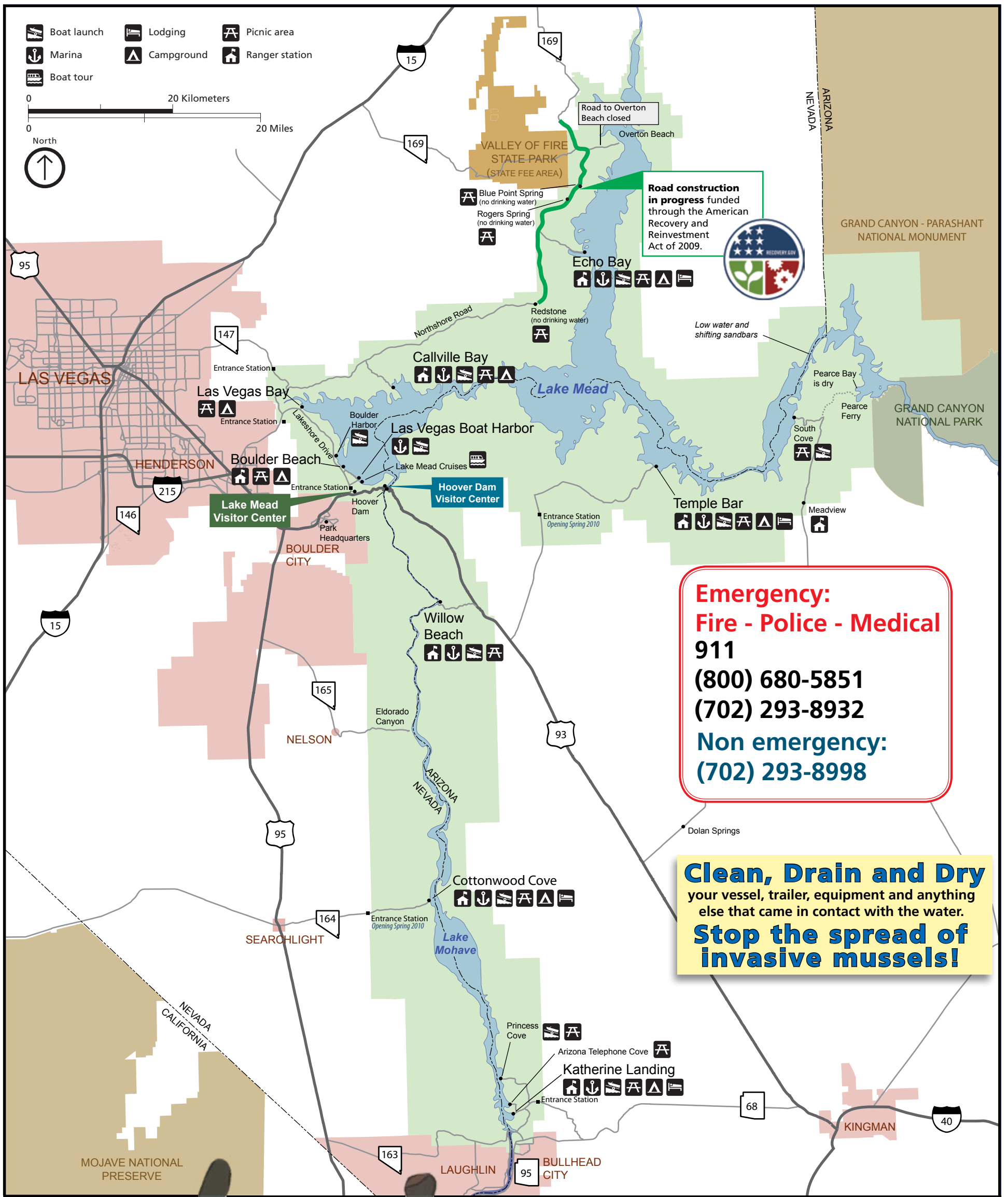
*from Jan.1 to Dec. 31

The Lake Mead Visitor Center is located near the intersection of Highway 93 and Lakeshore Drive near Boulder City, Nevada. The views of Boulder Basin and the surrounding mountains are spectacular. Take a stroll through the cactus garden and enjoy interesting displays in the Desert Discovery Center. Maps and directions are available from our informed and friendly staff. Interpretive books, games, toys and other items are available in the bookstore.

The Katherine Landing Visitor Center and smaller bookstore is located at Katherine Landing on Lake Mohave in the ranger station near the launch ramp.

Proceeds from purchases in the bookstores benefit education programs in the park. The stores are operated by Western National Parks Association, a cooperating partner with the National Park Service.





Emergency:
Fire - Police - Medical
911
(800) 680-5851
(702) 293-8932
Non emergency:
(702) 293-8998

Clean, Drain and Dry
your vessel, trailer, equipment and anything
else that came in contact with the water.
Stop the spread of
invasive mussels!



Contact:

Visitor Center (702) 293-8990	Fax (702) 293-1152
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